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Meeting to address noise from proposed freeway

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A report on noise that the proposed South Mountain Freeway stretch of Loop 202 would generate and how the Arizona Department of Transportation plans to reduce the impacts on Ahwatukee Foothills homes is on the agenda when the South Mountain Citizens Advisory Team meets Thursday.

The meeting will be from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the student union at South Mountain Community College, 7050 S. 24th St., Phoenix.

It is the first meeting after the Arizona Transportation Board approved a 30-year plan, which includes \$1.1 billion for the South Mountain Freeway to cover the rising cost. But the transportation plan relies on state voters, who must approve a 1-cent sales tax increase in November to provide funds for the projects.


It is also the first meeting since the Kyrene Elementary School District governing board approved a motion opposing the freeway that they said would adversely affect four elementary schools and a middle school.

The motion, approved June 10, cited fears over noise, air pollution and increased traffic on Liberty Lane, which several of the schools face.

The Citizens Advisory Team was formed by ADOT to help advise the state as it updates the original 1985 plan for Loop 202 from Interstate 10 in Ahwatukee Foothills, west through South Mountain Park and then north to reconnect with Interstate 10 near 55th Avenue.

The meeting is open to the public. For information, call (602) 712-7006 or visit www.azdot.gov/valleyfreeways [<http://www.azdot.gov/valleyfreeways>].



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